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May 10, 2001

Mel and Lerah Parker
5000 Highway 37
Libby, Montana 59923

Subject: Disposition of Contaminated Vehicles

Dear Mel and Lerah;

As you know, the EPA and its contractors have completed their mobilization to your property on Highway 37, and have started work on finishing the cleanup we had begun last year. Beginning the week of May 14, 2001, we will start shipping contaminated soil and debris up to the former W.R. Grace and Company vermiculite mine for disposal. I hope this strikes you as good news, and I hope that you will hold faith in the fact that the EPA will soon complete the restoration of your land, and that you will soon begin to have some normalcy returned to your lives. I would again like to thank you for your patience and cooperation over the last eighteen months.

I have one detail which we will need to document as we execute the cleanup this summer. Last year the EPA determined that the interiors of all four of your vehicles (the pickup, the town car, the camper van, and the convertible) were contaminated with asbestos, and were impractical to clean. During this summer we intend to drain the vehicles of all fluids, crush them, and dispose of them with the rest of the asbestos contaminated debris from the former Grace operations on your property. At this time I would like to take all four vehicles out of storage and consolidate them with the debris now on-site. I have consulted with our attorney, Matthew Cohn, and he has suggested that you formally abandon the vehicles, by making a notation on the vehicle titles, and returning them to the State. This letter should serve as documentation for your records as to how and why the cars were abandoned. Of course, if you, or anyone else has any questions about this action please call me either in Libby, (406) 293-6194, or in Denver, at (303) 312-6808.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Peronard
On Scene Coordinator
Libby Asbestos Site

